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## Response to Amendment

- 1. The reply filed on July 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendment format does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the status identifiers for claims 1-8 and 33 are improper (claims 1-8 should have the status identifier -- canceled -- and claim 33 should have the status identifier -- previously presented -- ) and the text of withdrawn claims 26-32 is not presented in the claim listing as required (37 CFR 1.121(c)(3))(MPEP 714(II)(C)). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- 2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adrienne C. Johnstone whose telephone number is (571)272-1218. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30AM-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571)272-1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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